

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment filed 7/3/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

This case has been transferred to Examiner Kelly Jerabek. Please direct all future correspondence to Examiner Jerabek whose contact information may be found at the end of this office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 4 are allowed.

Re claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, "A digital camera, comprising: an image record number for recording images, which are formed within length-direction image pickup effective ranges and breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges set in a solid state image pickup device disposed in a main body of said digital camera, into a record medium in a form of electronic data; an image pickup effective range change member for changing the length-direction image pickup effective ranges and the breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges in said solid state image pickup device; and **an image pickup effective range setting table having a register of a plurality of records respectively indicating correspondences between the length-direction image pickup effective ranges and the breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges, wherein said image pickup effective range change member includes a length-direction range change button capable of executing an**

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input operation to increase the length-direction image pickup effective ranges, and a breadth-direction range change button capable of executing an input operation to increase the breadth direction image pickup effective ranges; and when said length-direction range change button or said breadth-direction range change button is operated, said image pickup effective range change member changes the length-direction image pickup effective ranges and breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges using the image pickup effective range setting table”.

Re claim 4, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest, “A digital camera, comprising: an image record number for recording images, which are formed within length-direction image pickup effective ranges and breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges set in a solid state image pickup device disposed in a main body of said digital camera, into a record medium in a form of electronic data; an image pickup effective range change member for changing the image pickup area of said images set in said solid state image pickup device, that is, said length-direction image pickup effective ranges and said breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges; and **an image pickup effective range setting table having a register of a plurality of records respectively indicating correspondences between the length-direction image pickup effective ranges and the breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges, wherein when there is input a change instruction for said length-direction range change button or said breadth-direction range change**

button, said image pickup effective range change member changes the length-direction image pickup effective ranges and the breadth-direction image pickup effective ranges using the image pickup effective range setting table”.

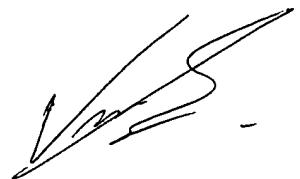
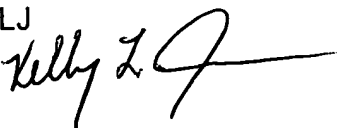
Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly L. Jerabek whose telephone number is (571) 272-7312. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571) 272-7304. The fax phone number for submitting all Official communications is (703) 872-9306. The fax phone number for submitting informal communications such as drafts, proposed amendments, etc., may be faxed directly to the Examiner at (571) 273-7312.

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